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SUBJECT: APRIL 26 MEETING OF MTN HEADS OF DELEGATION

1. EC HOSTED LUNCHEON APRIL 26 FOR HEADS (OR IN US CASE, ACTING HEAD) OF DELEGATIONS FROM US, JAPAN, CANADA, SWEDEN, DENMARK, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, PLUS DG LONG. PURPOSE WAS TO TAKE STOCK OF MTN PROGRESS AND OUTLOOK FOR ADHERING TO MID-JULY TIMETABLE. EC/US/JAPAN REPS MAINTAINED HARMONIOUS POSTURE THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. APART FROM A NUMBER OF POINTED BARBS EXCHANGED BETWEEN EC AND CANADA AND EC AND AUSTRALIA, AND A REPETITION OF DG LONG'S COMPLAINT ABOUT LEAVING THE LDC'S ASIDE, THERE

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WAS NOTHING APPROACHING FIREWORKS.

2. NON-BIG-3 REPS WERE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN CLARIFICATION OF WHAT WAS EXPECTED TO HAPPEN IN MID-JULY. EC (LUYTEN) INITIALLY TALKED IN TERMS OF "AN OUTLINE OF A PACKAGE," BUT SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED (AS DID SAWAKI FOR JAPAN) WITH MY REPETITION OF AMBASSADOR STRAUSS'

FORMULATION, I.E., SETTLEMENT OF ALL ISSUES REQUIRING POLITICAL-LEVEL DECISION. LUYTEN ELABORATED THAT EC EXPECTED THERE WOULD BE A NEED TO "DOT THE I'S AND CROSS THE T'S AFTER JULY 15, BUT WITHOUT UPSETTING THE DELICATE POLITICAL COMPROMISES REACHED BY THE PRINCIPALS IN MID-JULY."

3. SAWAKI TOLD THE GROUP THAT STRAUSS AND USHIBA HAD AGREED TO TRY TO SETTLE ALL US-JAPAN ISSUES BETWEEN US IN THE MTN BY JUNE 1. HE SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT DETAILED US-JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS TO START UNTIL AFTER PM FUKUDA MEETS PRESIDENT CARTER MAY 4. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR GREY'S COMPLAINT THAT THIS LEFT SMALLER COUNTRIES LIKE CANADA TO "PICK UP THE CRUMBS," I SAID DEFINITIVE FORMAL US-JAPAN AGREEMENT NOT FEASIBLE UNTIL WE KNEW WHAT OUR PARTNERS WERE GOING TO DO AND US-JAPAN TARGET OF JUNE 1 WAS ONLY AN ORDERLY METHOD OF WORK SINCE WE CLEARLY COULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH EVERYONE UP TO THE LAST MINUTE.

4. EC ADVISED OTHERS IT WOULD BE CIRCULATING WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS A LIST OF "POSSIBLE WITHDRAWALS." CANADA REMONSTRATED THAT THIS WOULD BE A DISTINCTLY UNHELPFUL STEP; LUYTEN MADE CLEAR EC STILL WILLING TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF IMPROVEMENTS, BUT THOUGHT IT ONLY FAIR TO PUT OTHERS ON NOTICE NOW RATHER THAN AT LAST MINUTE ABOUT POTENTIAL EC WITHDRAWALS UNLESS THEY ARE SATISFIED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH OVERALL PACKAGE.

5. AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN OVER LAGGING PACE OF AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS. A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM WAS THAT NEW ZEALAND FELT DEVELOPMENTS IN SUBGROUP DAIRY WERE MOVING AHEAD IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION WHILE AUSTRALIA DID NOT. ALL PRESENT TOOK SOME COMFORT FROM CAUTIOUS INDICATIONS OF POSSIBLE BREAKTHROUGH ON WHEAT NEGOTIATIONS, ALL AGREEING THIS PROBABLY INDISPENSABLE TO ACCEPTABLE OUTCOME ON OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. US AND EC ACKNOWLEDGED THAT, ALTHOUGH ENCOURAGING PROGRESS BEING MADE ON SUBSIDIES/CVD IN GENERAL, THE QUESTION OF AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES REMAINS TO BE ADDRESSED. (LUYTEN AND KLEIN STOUTLY MAINTAINED SOLUTION IN THIS AREA ONLY POSSIBLE IN CONTEXT OF PRODUCT-SPECIFIC COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS.)

6. DG LONG REPEATED WHAT HE HAD SAID TO BIG 3 MINISTERS APRIL 10 ABOUT NEED TO BRING LDC'S MORE FULLY INTO THE PICTURE, CLAIMING MANY COMPLAIN TO HIM THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON. US/EC/JAPAN SAID ALL OF THEM WITH

RESIDENT STAFFS ADEQUATE TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS ARE BEING
CONSULTED REGULARLY ACROSS THE BOARD. DG SAID THIS WAS
"NO GOOD," BUT HE RECEIVED NO SUPPORT FROM ANYONE
PRESENT EXCEPT SWEDISH AMBASSADOR, WHO PREFERRED MORE
PLURILATERAL MEETINGS TO ALLAY LDC SUSPICIONS. CULBERT

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